

FLORIDA | Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

**April 24, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

**Conference Number: 1-888-585-9008
Conference Code: 346-983-002**



Peter Johnson, PhD
Chair

Frederick Rahe, Au.D.
Vice-Chair

Kama Monroe
Executive Director

April 24, 2020, Teleconference Board Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Board chair, Peter Johnson at 9:03 a.m.

Present for all or part of the meeting, include:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Johnson, Au.D., Chair
Frederick Rahe, Au.D., Vice-Chair
Sergio Guerreiro, Au.D.
Kristen Rutland, SLP
Sherry Jordan, Ed.S.
Paul Boyev, M.D.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Kama Monroe, Executive Director
Carol Taylor, Program Office Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD COUNSEL:

Tom Jones, Board counsel

COURT REPORTER:

For the Record Reporting
(850) 222-5491

PROSECUTION SERVICES UNIT

Octavio Simoes-Ponce

Translator:

Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order None that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.

PROSECUTION SERVICES REPORT, Octavio Simoes-Ponce, ESQ.

TAB 3:

Prosecuting Services attorney Octavio Simoes-Ponce provided a summary of the Prosecution Services Report. He then requested the board allow the Department to continue to prosecute all year or older cases.

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by, Peter Johnson, to allow PSU to continue prosecuting cases a year and older. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TAB 1: March 27, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes.

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TAB 2: January 24, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

APPLICANTS

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 4: Dayannis Rodriguez Alaverez, File #5257

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

After discussion, Applicant verbally withdrew application.

TAB 5: Zoraya Perez Prada, File #5421

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

After discussion, Applicant verbally withdrew application.

TAB 6: Yenia Rodriguez Royo, File #5300

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to approve the application, Sergio Guerreiro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAB 7: Claribel Irene Pons Figueredo, File #5133

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to table the application to the next meeting, Sergio Guerreiro seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applicant appeared later in the meeting and the item was re-addressed. There are two entries in the minutes for this item. See additional tab in minutes.

PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 8: Elba M. Tavares, File #9960

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to grant an extension of the provisional license to a total of twenty-seven months as described in the rules, Peter Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued wherein the board determined that they do not have statutory authority to grant an extension.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to reconsider the vote, Peter Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to vote no to the request for an extension, Peter Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This item was re-addressed later in the meeting and a motion to allow applicant to withdraw application was granted.

There are two entries in the board minutes for this item. See additional tab in minutes.

TAB 9: Disney David Leyva, File #9925

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

Action Taken: After discussion, Kristen Rutland, moved to approve the application, Frederick Rahe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAB 10: Nilda Garcia, File #8909

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

The applicant verbally waived the ninety-day requirement on the record.

The case was continued to allow the applicant the opportunity to provide the undergraduate transcript.
No vote was taken.

PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 8: Elba M. Tavares, File #9960

The Board returned to TAB 8 to clarify to the applicant the action that was taken.

Action Taken: After discussion, Sergio Guerreiro, moved to change earlier motion to allow the applicant to withdraw her application, Peter Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There are two entries in the minutes for this item. See earlier entry.

A. Lilliana Martinez Gaztambide, File #9917

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to continue the case to the July meeting, with a required appearance, to allow the applicant the opportunity to provide the undergraduate transcript, seconded by Peter Johnson.
Motion carried.

Applicant subsequently appeared and the matter was re-addressed. See additional tab in minutes.
There are two entries in the board minutes for this item.

COMPLIANCE AND PROBATION

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF FINAL ORDER

TAB 11: Darren Alan Kurtzer, Au.D, Case #2018-05060

Licensee was present. Licensee was not represented by counsel.

After discussion:

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to deny the request for modification of Final Order, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro. Motion carried.

A. Lilliana Martinez Gaztambide, File #9917

This tab was previously heard. Applicant appeared subsequent to the case being heard. Case was re-addressed.

Applicant was not represented by counsel. The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

The undergraduate transcript will be forwarded to the board chair for review.

The previous vote of the Board stands unless the board chair approves the application upon receipt of the undergraduate transcript.

There are two entries in the board minutes for this item.

TAB 12: RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE

(a) 3001 - Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion: by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Kristen Rutland, to ratify the 152 license numbers 17679-17830 issued between 1/31/2020 and 3/31/2020. Motion carried.

(b) 3002 – Audiologist

Motion: by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Paul Boyev, to ratify the 6 license numbers 2333-2340 issued between 1/31/2020 and 3/31/2020. Motion carried.

(c) 3003 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Motion: by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Paul Boyev to ratify the 79 license numbers 4259-4337 issued between 1/31/2020 and 3/31/2020. Motion carried.

(d) 3004 – Audiologist Assistant

Motion: by Paul Boyev, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro, to ratify the 6 license numbers 376-381 issued between 1/31/2020 and 3/31/2020. Motion carried.

(e) 3005 - Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion: by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro, to ratify the 76 license numbers 9433-9508 issued between 1/31/2020 and 3/31/2020. Motion carried.

(f) 3006 – Provisional Audiologist

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to ratify the one license number 797 issued between 1/31/2020 and 3/31/2020. Motion carried.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 7: Claribel Irene Pons Figueredo, File #5133

This application was previously addressed by the board; however, the applicant subsequently appeared, and the matter was re-addressed.

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel. The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

The previous vote of the board stands. No further action taken.

There are two entries in the board minutes for this matter. Please see previous entry.

TAB 13: BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORT-Dr. Johnson

TAB 16: Budget Liaison Report- Dr. Johnson (SLP)

- a. Revenue Report
- b. Expenditures

Board Chair, Peter Johnson, reviewed the budget as part of his chair report. Board Chair further directed board members to the ASHA email included in the board materials regarding assistants being supervised remotely and additionally noted ASHA's update regarding English proficiency.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT, Ronald Jones, Esq.

TAB 14: RULES REPORT

Board counsel, Tom Jones, informed the board that the application rules are all effective with an effective date of April 2020. He noted it took a little longer due to filing the Notice of Change. He further noted that the provisional language corrections are in the pipeline.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-Kama Monroe, J.D., Executive Director

TAB 15: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 713

Executive Director, Kama Monroe provided an update to board members regarding HB 713 which removes discipline for non-payment of student loan debt.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

TAB 18: Continuing Education - Dr. Guerreiro (Ad)

a. Approved Providers 1.31.2020-3.31.2020

Dr. Guerreiro provided an update.

OLD BUSINESS

TAB 23: English Competency Discussion - Dr. Guerreiro

Discussion ensued regarding the justification and the need for an English competency requirement for this profession. Board counsel informed the board that there is a need for a specific statutory grant for rulemaking. Discussion ensued regarding the process. The Executive Director is to present to the Department the desire to include English proficiency in the 2021 legislative package. It was noted that Section 468.1185, Florida Statutes is a good place to add proficiency. The possibility of forming an ad hoc committee to further creation of English competency to requirements was discussed. It would be a committee to obtain information for the board, not as a lobbying committee. Board members noted that this is something that is important to our state.

Action: Motion by Paul Boyev to create an ad hoc committee consisting of Dr. Johnson, Dr. Guerreiro and Ms. Rutland, seconded by, Frederick Rahe.
Motion carried.

A clerical error regarding the meeting agenda was corrected on the record. The agenda was identified as an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on the agenda. The meeting was a full general business meeting of the board.

ADJOURN: Motion by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Peter Johnson to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2020, Orlando